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## BETTERMENT OF RURAL SCHOOLS

### State-Wide Conference of Kentucky Educators.

### NOTED SCHOOL WORKERS TALK

Unanimous Opinion of Those Present  
That It is the Duty of the State to  
Cause the Country School to Encourage the Boy and Girl to Love  
Country Life and to Give Them the Ability and Desire to Love It.

Because country life skillfully and intelligently directed assuredly offers more of health, of independence, and even of luxury, than is attainable in any city; and because it is imperative that unless the problem of making the country school fit country life be solved, there is every indication that Kentucky, pre-eminently an agricultural state, will soon find herself with a decreasing, instead of an increasing, population, a state wide rural school conference was held in Louisville, Wednesday March 29, under the auspices of the Louisville Commercial club.

It was a conference which may best be designated as "neighborly"—a conference which discussed the vital and pressing problems of Kentucky's rural schools, as man to man, as neighbor to neighbor, each interested in finding the proper way to make over the rural schools of Kentucky, so that schools which fulfill their mission—schools which touch intelligently, sympathetically, constantly and consciously every social and economic interest that concerns the community—may take the place of the present intolerable rural school system of the state.

The conference was called to order at 10:30 o'clock in the auditorium of the Seelbach Hotel.

While practically all the states of the middle-west are experiencing such

will develop all his talents without sending the children to school.

A properly built, properly equipped school house will make possible the formation of co-operative industries for the women and for the men; it will encourage the formation of citizens' leagues.

"And it has been proven that good roads follow good schools."

These were but a few of the many pertinent facts in connection with better rural schools, which were emphasized by the many speakers at the convention.

The opening address of Prof. Ellsworth Regenstein, afterward chosen as president of the permanent organization, sounded the keynote of the conference. He said in part:

"We meet today as American citizens, frankly declaring the Stars and Stripes to be our only protection."

"Our coming together is the result of a movement which has been begun by the big-hearted, patriotic men of the Louisville Commercial club.

During the month of December that organization sent out invitations to a

minds prepared to take up life's battle! Shall they make Kentucky a greater or smaller home? Shall we stand by and let them grow in a Chinese wall of dull unproductiveness? I am sure we desire to have this question answered aright and that your labors will result in the betterment of the primary and fundamental schools.

Prof. Rhoades then moved that the temporary organization of the Kentucky State Wide Rural School Conference be made the permanent organization of the ensuing year, and that the officers and executive committee have authority to call a meeting of the organization at any time and place that they might see fit to forward the work of the conference.

The motion was put to a vote by Governor Wilson, and passed unanimously, the officers for 1911, therefore being, President, Superintendent Ellsworth Regenstein, and Secretary, A. B. Lipscomb, both of whom had been acting in the respective capacities for the temporary organization.

Upon motion of H. H. Cherry, of Henderson, the chairman appointed a committee of five to formulate the purposes and resolutions of the conference as follows: J. M. Atherton, chairman; Robert A. Cochran, McHenry Rhoades, T. J. Coates, and James Speer.

While this committee was at work, a brilliant address was delivered by Prof. Eggleston, of Virginia, who spoke on the twin problems of the rural school—Consolidation and Transportation.

Prof. Eggleston said in part:

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I suppose the objections are the same everywhere; that the people will not send their children to the central schools, and that distances are too great for the children to reach the central schools without great hardship; that the roads are too bad to haul the children; that the children will freeze to death, or at least be frost-bitten while waiting for the wagons or while being transported; and that the cost is too great.

All of these objections have been met successfully, declares Prof. Eggleston, who continued:

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The greatest natural resource—the human mind—the greatest of earthly blessings, is then our most cherished heritage and we should not only preserve it intact, but put it out at every usage that it may return talent for talent.

If we afford our children greater advantages, we shall have the consciousness of having performed our duty.

The foremost need of an educational system is to keep abreast of the times.

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Ineffectiveness due to a failure to appreciate the real value of education is one of the very serious obstacles which has confronted every movement for the welfare of the State. In the first few years greater interest has been exhibited generally over the State, indicating in a decided manner, that our people were shaking off the lethargy of the past and were making rapid strides on the road to progress. Educational work, however, did not receive the same attention. Every citizen must rejoice over this awakening and all should now unite in a continuous, earnest effort to atone for the neglect of the past. It would

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121 Fulton Accommodation.....	12:40 pm
101 New Orleans Special.....	3:40 pm
103 N. O. Spec. (Louisville pass. only).....	1:20 am
June 5, 1910.	

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### Local Mention.



#### HE IS RISEN.

Sweet the chimes the bells are ringing;  
Sweet the carol the angels singing;  
"Risen is our Lord most glorious;  
Over sin and death victorious."

He is risen—tell the story

Wafted from his throne of glory;

Waltz, ye winds, the joyful story

With happy voice we sing.

Praises to our risen King.

Sunday is Easter.

Let me fix your clock.

Look out for a cold snap about Easter.

Fiscal court was in session first of week.

Give Joe Morgan your laundry.

Spring term of circuit court will start Monday.

Rains have hampered trade somewhat this week.

Mr. Arthur Howard is taking the school census.

After Easter we may expect some settled weather.

"Unedit," a new drink, at Taylor & Poole's drug store.

No matter what the weather, the woman with a new filmy outfit will feel comfortable Easter.

There will be a series of revival services begun at the Cumberland Presbyterian church next Sunday.

J. E. Coombs & Co. buy beef hides. Highest cash price.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hallinan, Jr., have a fine girl at their home, born to them last Thursday.

Mr. John H. Martin is operating a freight transfer to and from the depot, and will at once add vehicles for passengers.

If you want that dead watch or clock put to work, let me have it and I will put it to running.

Prof. McHenry Rhoades, of Owensboro, was here Monday, renewing old acquaintances and attending to business matters.

### Kentuckians Always Stand Together.

Kentuckians, at home or abroad, believe in our "United we stand divided we fall," and this is exemplified in the following press telegram, sent out the first of the week from Durant, Okla., and will interest our readers, as both parties are known here, Dr. Short being especially well known and having many relatives in this and McLean counties:

"Dr. W. G. Short, of this city, is the latest Kentuckian to attain political honors in the new State of Oklahoma, where sons of the Bluegrass country have been unusually favored in the past few years. Dr. Short, who is a native of McLean county, Ky., and who came to Oklahoma from Uniontown, in Union county, Ky., in 1903, has just been commissioned State Drug Inspector by Gov. Lee Cruce, who is also a Kentuckian, he being a native of Marion, county seat of Crittenden county."

### Central City Loses in Census.

The census bureau Tuesday gave out a list of many Kentucky towns and cities, showing the population as returned. There were many surprises, all along lines showing less people than claimed, and Central City's showing of 2545 is loss of some 500 in its showing of two or three years ago. The population of Greenville was not announced, but is about 1600 it is thought, which is a gain of something over 50 per cent. Central City gained almost 100 per cent. in the last decade.

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Needles for all sewing machines at Roark's.

Dr. Henderson, pastor, closed the series of services Sunday that have been in progress at his church for two weeks. There were three additions to the church and considerable interest aroused.

Hot drinks of all sorts now at Hale's fountain.

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See Coombs & Co. before you sell your beef hides.

Carroll Johnson, colored, died at his home in the west end last Thursday morning, after an illness of some months from consumption. Funeral services were held at the A. M. E. Zion church, Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Gordon, of Morton's Gap, and interment followed in Fairmount cemetery.

Have Barkley Bros. repair your flues, and prevent a fire loss.

Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Yost have the sympathy of friends in the loss of their baby girl, which died last Thursday night, after living only a few hours. Burial was in Evergreen cemetery Friday afternoon, services being conducted at the graveside by Dr. Henderson. The condition of the mother is highly encouraging.

Caladium bulbs for sale by Mrs. Jennie E. Roark at 10 cents each.

The Sunday school Easter program will be given at the regular Sunday school hour 9:45, at the Methodist church. Come at that hour if you desire to see and hear the children. There will be preaching at 11 o'clock, but the evening service is called off in interest of the revival at Cumberland church.

For pure drugs, etc., call on Taylor & Poole, druggists.

The Greenville Milling Co. has just received a complete stock of artistic mantel and hearth tiling, in various colors and shades, and solicits an inspection of the line, which is superior to anything that has been seen here, except in the expensive imported ware. This is domestic, but compares with the offerings of any foreign maker.

An event is bright or sad, sweet or bitter, deadly or life giving, according to the quality of the soul which meets it. Every event is charged with germs of heroism—but only to the hero. Jesus Christ met on the road a group of children, an adulterous woman and a Samaritan woman, and each time humanity rose to the grandeur of God.

Roark's furniture polish is something better than the rest, and is sold considerably cheaper, and with the broadest guarantee—money back if not better than any you ever used.

If you have a watch or clock out of running order, jewelry to be repaired, or sewing machines out of service, bring them to McCracken and get firstclass guaranteed work.

### DR. C. FORREST BOGESS

Died in Louisville Sunday at Noon, of Typhoid Fever.

Muhlenberg Boy Becomes Leading Louisville Dentist.

Was Active in the Development of State's Metropolis.

Dr. C. Forrest Boggess, son of the late Rumsey Boggess, and member of a large and prominent family in this county, succumbed to an attack of typhoid fever in Louisville last Sunday. For some time he had been in failing health, and his condition was noticed by his friends when he was here a few weeks ago on a visit to his old home and friends. Dr. Boggess was a man of strong character, and had made an enviable position for himself in his adopted city, where he was identified with many important movements. His efforts were crowned with success, and he had made many fortunate investments, accumulating a comfortable fortune, being a large holder of real estate in the city and in Jefferson county. The Louisville Times of Monday, in commenting on his death, said:

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Dr. Boggess was born at Greenville, Ky., 1866. He graduated from the Louisville Dental College nineteen years ago, and since that time had practiced in Louisville. He held many valuable pieces of real estate in Jefferson county, and was an active member of the Commercial Club. He was a member of the Crescent Hill Christian church. The body was removed to the home of his stepdaughter, Mrs. McDowell McCuskin, 1112 Forest Court, where he made his home.

He is survived by his wife, formerly Mrs. Anna Degarmo; his mother, Mrs. Eliza Boggess, of Greenville, Ky.; four brothers, John Boggess, a merchant, of Demopolis, Ala.; and Howard, Milton and Finis Boggess, all farmers of Muhlenberg county, Ky.; two stepdaughters, Mrs. McCuskin and Mrs. Vernon Smith, of Louisville; three sisters, of Greenville, Ky.; and his cousin, Dr. W. F. Boggess, of this city."

There is no inevitable tragedy. The sole way to thwart destiny is to do just the contrary to the evil it would have us do.

It often happens that the misfortune of a wise man resembles that of any other man, but his good fortune never is anything like the good fortune of a fool.

There is vastly more unknown country in the land of happiness than in the land of sorrow.

Marshal Pittman is getting busy with tax collections, and as the penalty goes on all unpaid receipts June 1, you had better see him if he fails to get you.

See Miss Lena Arnold for bulbs of all sorts.

The girl who has no new outfit for Easter will not be especially grieved if the weather is sloppy next Sunday.

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The angel of grief speaks all languages and knows how to use all words, but the angel of joy never opens her lips except to speak of a joy which even a savage can understand.

Sorrow is old as the world, and well understood; but joy we might say is still in its swaddling clothes.

Ordinarily it is not joy you lack, but the knowledge of what joy is.

I know that I am happier today than yesterday, because I have come today to know that I have no more need of good fortune events, of any kind to deliver my soul, to give poise to my thought, to clear the atmosphere of my heart.

It takes vastly more courage to be happy than to be unhappy.

As we approach truth, it recedes; as we admire wonder at truth it approaches.

Our past depends entirely upon our present, and changes perpetually with it.

The past continually takes the form of vases into which the thought of today is poured.

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### Mrs. Jennie Christian Dies in Owensboro. Well Known Here.

Mrs. Jennie Christian died in Owensboro last Thursday morning and was buried there Friday. She was well known here, where she made visits to her children and other relatives, and was a woman of charming traits, being loved by all who knew her. Her husband died about ten years ago, but she was survived by seven children; D. W. Christian and Mrs. H. N. Howerton, of this city, Mrs. R. T. Miller, Mrs. C. A. Brown and Misses Jennie and Nettie Christian, of Owensboro, and Mr. Albert Christian, of Memphis.

All telephone orders promptly filled. Taylor & Poole, druggists.

### DeWitt-Rothrock Wedding.

Mr. Allie C. DeWitt, of this city, and Miss Bettie Rothrock, of South Carrollton, were married at the home of the bride's mother last Monday night, just a few friends being in attendance. The bride is an attractive young woman, and has many friends and admirers. The groom is the manager of the Central City Ice Co., and they will live in Muhlenberg's metropolis.

There has been practically no change in the condition of Mr. Jesse Wallace, who is very low, but is holding his own as well as could be expected.

Save your home by having your flues repaired. Barkley Bros. do this work in best manner.

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### Secures Help for Lincoln Institute.

Kirke Smith, of Lebanon, was here this week soliciting funds for the new Lincoln Institute, devoted to the education of colored people, and was successful to a very gratifying degree, the white people responding liberally in donations. The new location of the school is in Shelby county, where some 450 acres of fine land have been secured, and courses have been let for eight buildings, costing \$100,000. Farming will be carried on extensively, mechanical courses will be taught, and the general education of the colored race will be conducted under the most favorable conditions and surroundings.

### House and Land for Rent.

The Captain Roark property, 7 room house, stable, fine water, several acres of land, ready for cultivation located just outside of town, on two streets, will be rented reasonably. Fine location, desirable home. Apply to Orien L. Roark, Greenville, Ky.

See Miss Lena Arnold for bulbs of all sorts.

Two records in one

Some one in your home prefers vocal music. You'd rather have instrumental. You can both be suited with a Victor Double-faced Record. Two records in one almost at the price of one—10-inch, 75 cents; 12-inch, \$1.25.

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### Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Catching Cold.

Coryza is an inflammation of the mucous membrane lining the cavities of the nasal passages, and may be either of the acute or chronic variety. In its acute form it is generally called "a cold in the head." The reason for this is that, given certain conditions of the system which tend to inflamed mucous membrane, the acute attack can very often be traced to exposure to cold, drafts, or damp. It can, perhaps, just as often be traced to heat, dust and stiffness; but what ever may be the final touch, it is certain that the victim of coryza was in a condition in which his powers of resistance were reduced, or he could not have "caught cold."

It is of great importance that those people who spend many months of the year traveling from one attack of coryza to another should learn just where to place the blame for their trouble. It is a pity to get into the habit of blaming every open door or window, or dreading every unexpected breath of air, because this only leads to the course of life most to be avoided. If a person finds himself with the "catching cold" habit increasing winter by winter, depend upon it there is something wrong, and that something is not fresh air, because that is the very thing he, of all people, most needs. In such a case the daily habit should be carefully overhauled.

Does the sufferer overeat, and especially does he take too much animal food and too little exercise? This mistake is at the root of the coryza habit in many cases. It is simply the sign of rebellion on the part of the overloaded system. Often the trouble may be traced to too much heavy

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This money to build sanitary school houses". His answer, by greater concentration of labor, would be to have each county act as a unit. While many school districts in the wealthier counties may raise the necessary amount by taxation, the vast majority of our school districts are unable to pay even two or three cents the acre required to build satisfactory school houses. If the counties would act as units, they could borrow the money by the issue of long time bonds at moderate rates of interest, and equal in the next few years have suitable school houses. The bonds could be carried and retired at their maturity by a small annual tax not to exceed 16 or 15 cents on the \$100 of taxable property.

Children are beneficiaries of such a large part of the land when it is made, he is going to become interested in farm work; if we can show the difference between the cow that does not give enough milk to support herself, and one that not only supports herself, but helps to support the boy, he is going to become interested in good dairy cows. Likewise we can interest the girls in home gardening, in poultry raising, in small fruits, in the dozen and one things they can do so well, and the doing of which will interest them and bring money into their hands. It is the business of the State through the

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We can conceive of no effort so full of gratification, pleasure and profit as the building of these school houses. Consider that to do this involves the use of labor, and especially self-sacrificing, effort, sacrifice too irksome if our children can be protected in their tender years against exposure to disease which may cripple their energies during life, if done, and cost us money to confine the graves. Not only is health at stake, but education as well, for no teacher, however efficient and industrious, can make satisfactory progress with children infested by bad air, by disease germs and by many ills caused by neglect of sanitary laws.

With the hope that we may awaken renewed interest in the great educational work of our State and especially that we may appeal to our country people to put into actual practice the views hereinbefore set out, we condescend then into the following resolution:

Resolved, That we most earnestly ask and petition the next General Assembly to pass an enabling bill to effect a law authorizing the counties to issue bonds for building school houses. The bonds to be placed in the hands of the County Boards of Education or a special commission, as the General Assembly may designate, who shall sell same and apply the proceeds of the sale of said bonds to the building of school houses and equipment and for no other purpose.

Resolved, That in our judgment all monies raised under existing laws and available for school purposes are needed.



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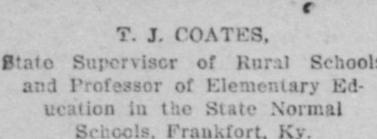
schools to organize life, or, as another has recently so well said, "To chart the avenues of serviceability that all our young people may make the best possible social investment of their lives."

The first address on the report of the committee was made by Governor Augustus E. Wilson, following the reading of the report and the resolutions. Governor Wilson made a rousing speech, prefacing his talk by saying that "for thirty years, in season and out of season, I have been traveling up and down this great state preaching the doctrine of good roads and good schools. The two are bound to come together."

He urged co-operation, saying that there is no limit to the good that can be accomplished by 2,200,000 people working together for the advance of the state.

"Think of the kind of schools we have in Kentucky. They are a disgrace to the decent children that have to attend them and a disgrace to the state. This is my home town and home county, and I want to say to Jefferson county, 'Clean up your own corner of the vineyard first, and then see how you can aid your neighbors.'"

At the luncheon in the Seelbach rathskeller, which was given by the Commercial club in honor of the delegates and guests of the convention



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ed and will be needed for the maintenance and conduct of the schools and that these monies should be kept intact for that purpose."

Resolved, That in the expenditure of the proceeds of the bonds the County Boards of Education should be authorized to consolidate districts when in their judgment the conditions are favorable, can easily provide school houses available for every section of the county that all the children of the county shall receive the benefit to be derived from the expenditure of a common county fund.

Resolved, That the permanent organization made today shall be the organization for the ensuing year. That the officers and Executive Committee be authorized to call the organization together at such times as are necessary to meet the needs of the association.

Resolved, That it is the sense of the association that this campaign for better rural education must be pushed. Therefore we must raise a campaign fund. That the Executive Committee be empowered to appoint a Finance Committee, with power to raise such a fund from the State at large.

Following the adoption of the resolutions, W. M. Hayes, assistant secretary of agriculture of the United States, delivered a stereopticon lecture. He declared that Prof. J. D. Eggleston, State Superintendent of Public Instruction of Virginia, was one of the greatest educators of the country.

Mr. Hayes paid an elegant tribute to J. R. McFerran, who, he said, has gained a national reputation in school improvement work. Mr. McFerran is chairman of the School Improvement Committee of the Commercial Club. Although he could not be present at yesterday's session, he sent a telegram to the convention.

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Governor Wilson, in the course of an especially happy little address, spoke of his own early school training, and referred to the fact that when he studied "geography" he never knew what an engraving study it might be made. "Were I to teach geography today," said Governor Wilson, "I should begin with the schoolhouse which the children attend. From that I should take them to the nearest town, then back to the farm, then another tour over their own state. They would learn the practical meaning of geography—and it would lead back to the farm."

A resolution, heartily adopted by the State Federation of Women's Clubs, pledging the unqualified support of the clubs of the state to the work of the Kentucky Statewide Rural School Conference, was read and a resolution of thanks for the support offered was adopted by the conference.

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